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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with [redacted] AEC, 30 November 1955

1. At the request of [redacted], I called [redacted] to endeavor to work out an emergency SOP for ready access to the Nevada Test Site by rescue and DFER personnel together with such other assistance as may be necessary in the event of a crash of either the MATS transport or the group of aircraft centered around Watertown Strip. I explained to [redacted] that it was my impression that had we experienced the 17 Nov. crash within the confines of the NTS, a considerable amount of time might have been lost in obtaining various permissions to have rescue personnel and others enter the restricted area.

2. While he recognized the potential problem, [redacted] reported that he was not familiar with the details of any existing SOP for such situations, although he believed that one, in all probability, was in being. He felt that it was quite likely that [redacted] or [redacted] had anticipated this type of problem in recent years when AEC test series were being run at NTS. I asked [redacted] if he wished us to simply (a) pose this problem in the nature of a requirement to his office, or (b) ask him to investigate the possibilities of an existing SOP and advise us of same, or (c) frame an emergency SOP procedure and submit it to him for approval. He chose the second (b) course and indicated that he would return my call as soon as he had had an opportunity to check with Albuquerque and Las Vegas.

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